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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Algeria, China, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia,
Saudi Arabia: revised draft resolution

United Nations Development Programme Human Development Report

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system, 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical cooperation, 44/211 of 22 December 1989 on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Reaffirming also the fundamental characteristic of the operational activities for the development of the United Nations system, as defined in the above resolutions, including the principle of neutrality,

Mindful of the commitment to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the importance of economic and social development to human well-being,

Affirming that economic growth is a means to development, together with enlarging peoples' choices and opportunities, fostering equity, fair income distribution and the development of human resources, and increasing productivity,

Expressing its appreciation for the work of the United Nations development system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, in extending economic and technical assistance to the developing countries in carrying out their development activities, in accordance with the mandate given to the organization,

Welcoming the United Nations Development Programme Human Development Reports, 1/ which emphasized the importance of peoples' participation in development and contained a broader concept of analysing development progress than the single criterion of per capita income,

Recalling decision 91/6 of 25 June 1991 on human development, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/

Taking into account the divergent views expressed by delegations at the thirty-eighth session of the Governing Council, during the deliberations on the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for 1990, 3/ pertaining to the Human Development Report, 1991, in particular to the incorporation and elaboration of a human freedom index therein,

Takes note of the intention of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to inform the Governing Council of the Programme, at its special session in February 1992, of the outcome of the regional consultations held in the autumn of 1991, with the participation of Governments and human rights experts, in order to facilitate the Governing Council's decision on future work in the area of human development, taking fully into account the views expressed by delegations at the special session of the Governing Council, prior to the publication of the Human Development Report, 1992.

1/ United Nations Development Programme, Human Development Report, 1990, and Human Development Report, 1991 (New York and Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1990 and 1991).

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34), annex I.

3/ See DP/1991/10.